

A Drug Store Cowboy
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There is a guy in our town, a cowboy so they say,
He wears a great big cowboy hat and walks with just a sway.
His horse, it is a pick-up truck all shiney and refined.
He'll pass more cars on the freeway and leave us far behind.

His ridin' boots are shiney and dusted every day,
He's just the greatest cowboy to ever drive this way.
A horse he does own and doesn't even ride.
He's just a drug store cowboy, the path he swings is wide.

He's always tellin' stories of how he rode that horse,
But listen to his stories, they're always getting worse.
He's never rode a buckin' bronc, a bull or anything,
To listen to him talk, he's just a ding-a-ling.

He's just the greatest cowboy to hear him tell it so,
But he's always in his pick up and always on the go.
A goin' here a goin' there, his B.S. sure is deep,
Now even most of his girl friends think that he's a creep.

I got him to the rodeo a day before the show,
I took him to the chutes and said come on man lets go
We drove some horses in the chutes, I grabbed my rigin too,
Come on I said you go first and I will follow you.

He took a chew and chewed away, his face went pale and green,
You know I hadn't better thats the meanest horse I've seen.
He had a yellar streak both in the front and back,
No way would he sit the horse or even pull the slack.

**He still rides his pickup and tells his salty tales.
Still he's very careful when he talks and tells his fairy tales.
I called his bluff and made him mad and even kinda sick,
No more he tells me of that horse he rode and like glue did stick.**

**He's just a drugstore cowboy a looking mighty tuff.
You know he wouldn't last an hour if he was in the ruff.
So I wave to him and he goes by and smile at him and then
Tell him I've got a horse for him and then ask him how he's been.**

**He says he's fine and havin' fun tryin to look tuff,
But then one time at the chute it surely was enough.
Well, I rub my chin and look at him, I smile and look away.
Times have changed since I was young that was yesterday.**

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